

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A planer including a housing having a base planing surface for contacting a workpiece, a rotatable blade cylinder located within said housing and including more than one cutting blade for engaging with and planing the work piece. A drive means is associated with the blade cylinder and operable to cause rotation of the blade cylinder. The drive means is located within the housing, above the axis of rotation of the blade cylinder and a chip an debris removal channel passes from the location of the cylinder to the rear end of the planer.